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Local Church News - July 2012



Congratulations and thanks to the members, and pastor Rodney Franklin, of First Congregational UCC in Birmingham, aided by the other Birmingham congregations, Beloved Community UCC, Angie Wright, pastor, and Pilgrim Church (UCC), Sally Harris, supply pastor, for the graciousness and hospitality they extended to the entire Conference, which gathered for our Annual Meeting hosted by First Congregational on June 8-9.

Victory for the World UCC in Stone Mountain, GA, in collaboration with the Southeast Conference, hosted the UCC Still Speaking Writers Group on May 30. The event, moderated by Tim Downs, was live-streamed and watched by UCC members across the United States. A reception was hosted following the panel where attendees were able to mingle with the authors.

The Deer Lodge, TN, Congregational UCC, pastored by Rose Hermonat, celebrates its 125th anniversary this year. A small church 45 minutes west of Knoxville, Deer Lodge Congregational has a long history of active witness to the community.

Victory for the World UCC held an interfaith candlelight vigil on June 20 to witness against youth violence.

Congratulations to Holy Trinity Community UCC, Nashville, for success in a recent capital campaign. Members have cleared a number of hurdles to proceeding with the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County zoning board, and are looking forward to beginning renovations soon and very soon!

Congratulations to Uplands Retirement Village in Pleasant Hill, TN, on the occasion of hiring Richard Woodard as its new Executive Director. Richard is affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), our sister denomination.

Welcome back to the Southeast Conference the Rev. Holly and Rick Nelson! Holly served as a chaplain in Nashville for years before leaving to serve as a dean at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis. The Nelsons are settling into Uplands Retirement Village and have joined Community Church, Pleasant Hill, TN.

We received word that Jeremy Rich, pastor of Bethany Congregational Church, Thomasville, GA, has received a call to serve First Baptist Church, also of Thomasville. He has announced his resignation from Bethany, and will begin his ministry with First Baptist on August 1. Jeremy is presently a member of the Southeast Conference Board of Directors.

Kirkwood UCC, Atlanta, received a Neighbors in Need Grant for \$2000 to



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United Church of Christ roots in the South may not be as deep as in other parts of the country, but signs of the denomination are bustin' out in Clemson, S.C.

support an advocacy effort to address issues of hunger in the Atlanta area. The grant will be used to foster deeper collaborations among UCC congregations, and address the growing rift between affluence and poverty in the city.

The nationally known Talladega murals, commemorating the Amistad event and the history of Talladega College (established by the American Missionary Association and related to the UCC), are the feature of an exhibit at the High Museum in Atlanta. The murals will travel around the United States over the next three years, ending in Birmingham before being returned to the college. We hope you will make a point of viewing this important part of our UCC history when they come to or near your area.

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